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AGREEMENT REACHED FOR POST-CLEANUP RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE LEE'S LANE LANDFILL SUPERFUND SITE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has entered into an agreement with the Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), a potentially responsible party (PRP), to conduct operation and maintenance activities at the Lee's Lane Landfill Superfund site near Louisville, Kentucky. A PRP is an individual or company who is responsible for, or contributed to, contamination at a Superfund site.

Between 1987 and 1989, EPA conducted a response action consisting of the removal of drums containing hazardous waste; covering "hot spot" areas on the site with a cap to prevent direct contact; installation of riprap along the bank of the Ohio River to prevent erosion; implementation of a groundwater, gas, and air monitoring program; posting of cautionary signs; installation of a gate at the site entrance; and inspection and repair of the gas collection system. EPA will conduct a review every five years, at a minimum, to determine whether the response action remains protective of human health and the environment.

The purpose of operation and maintenance is to ensure the continued effectiveness of EPA's response action. Specific activities include: site inspections, air quality monitoring, gas collection system balancing and maintenance, groundwater quality monitoring, river bank monitoring and maintenance, and landfill surface and cap monitoring and maintenance.

To date, operation and maintenance activities have been conducted by EPA. Because of MSD's willingness to conduct operation and maintenance at the site, additional Superfund money will not have to be expended. EPA is currently negotiating an agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the state to oversee operation and maintenance activities at the site.

The 122 acre Lee's Lane Landfill Superfund site is located adjacent to the Ohio River in Jefferson County, approximately 4.5 miles southwest of Louisville. The landfill accepted domestic, commercial, and industrial wastes from the late 1940s to 1975. The site was added to EPA's National Priorities List of hazardous waste sites in December 1982.

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